

# Wancho language

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**Wancho** is a Konyak language of north-eastern India. Wancho is spoken in 36 villages of southeastern Longding district, Tirap district, Arunachal Pradesh, as well as in Assam and Nagaland (*Ethnologue*). Alternate names include Banpara Naga, Joboka, Jokoba.

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## People

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Wancho is spoken by the Wancho people who have a population of 56,866 according to a 2011 consensus, and mainly populate the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh. Although a minority, these inhabitants have a rich culture with rituals, ceremonial practices, religion, and various dialects of Wancho.<sup>[3]</sup>

Wancho	
<b>Native to</b>	India
<b>Native speakers</b>	59,154 (2011 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brahmaputran</li> <li>▪ Konyak</li> <li>▪ Konyak–Chang</li> <li>▪ <b>Wancho</b></li> </ul>
<b>Writing system</b>	Devanagari, Latin, Wancho
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	nnp
<b>Glottolog</b>	wanc1238 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wanc1238">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wanc1238</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Dialects

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*Ethnologue* lists the following dialects of Wancho.

- Changnoi
- Bor Muthun (Bor Mutonia)
- Horu Muthun
- Kulung Muthun (Mithan)

There is significant variation among the dialects spoken in the upper and lower regions.

## Orthography

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Wancho is generally written in either Devanagari or Latin script. Between 2001 and 2012 teacher Banwang Losu devised a unique alphabetic Wancho script which is taught in some schools.<sup>[4]</sup> In 2019, the script was officially published into the Unicode Standard in version 12.<sup>[5]</sup>

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